



ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

1      bingo card is provided having a matrix of seven columns and  
2      seven rows. Play is conducted according to the conventional manner  
3      of play of bingo, but using the seven-by-seven matrix. Because the  
4      size of the matrix has been increased, additional winning combina-  
5      tions are available and players can be paid for being the first  
6      player to achieve a four spot bingo, a five spot bingo, a six spot  
7      bingo, a seven spot bingo and so forth. This permits multiple  
8      winners during each round of the game of bingo and the amount of  
9      the payouts can be based on the relative difficulty of obtaining  
10     each type of winning combination. An alternative bingo card and  
11     method of play includes the designation of the sixth and seventh  
12     row and the sixth and seventh column of the seven-by-seven bingo  
13     card as distinctly demarcated sections of the bingo card, for  
14     example by using a different color or colors for these rows and  
15     columns. Players achieving a winning combination in certain  
16     specified sections of the bingo card could be paid varying amount  
17     as the payout. A progressive feature can be added to the method of  
18     play of bingo in which the player makes a separate, additional  
19     wager to be eligible for the progressive jackpot payout.